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**National Park Service White Clay Creek Wild & Scenic River Program
Report for Quarter Ending 6/30/15**

Grantee:	Natural Lands Trust, Inc.
Project:	White Clay Creek Wild & Scenic River
Grant Amount:	\$209,450 (WCC portion of 2010-14 budgets)
Cooperative Agreement #:	P10AC000324
Period Covered by Report:	4/1/15 to 6/30/15

Project Overview

The White Clay Creek Wild & Scenic River Project seeks to implement priority recommendation of the White Clay Creek Wild & Scenic River Management Plan. Under this cooperative agreement Natural Lands Trust (NLT) and its conservation partner Brandywine Conservancy (BC) will advance land preservation and natural resource stewardship through: (1) outreach to and negotiations with owners of priority land parcels; (2) securing county and municipal grants; identifying special plant and animal resources; and restoring forest cover along the White Clay Creek and its tributaries. The current 5-year cooperative agreement is a continuation of work supported by the NPS Wild & Scenic River Program that has focused on the White Clay Creek watershed for over ten years.

Activities this Quarter

NLT and BC continued land preservation and stewardship activities during this quarter, including participating in quarterly Management Committee meeting. Highlights include:

- In London Grove Township NLT continued discussions with the Boddorffs, owners of 15 acres containing a tributary of White Clay Creek. This project was approved by the WCC Management Committee.
- In New Garden Township, NLT continued working with owners of the Cotton-Orlando property, a 28-acre property through which the East Branch White Clay Creek flows. The landowners are now interested in selling the property and letting the new owners negotiate the conservation easement.
- BC staff attended meetings to discuss a new reforestation project on the Moorhead property in the headwaters of the White Clay Creek. It would be part of a reforestation and fencing project that includes 20 acres of riparian buffer, 4,000 feet of livestock exclusion fencing, and three stream crossings. Beth Burnam will present the project to the WCC Management Committee.

In addition, NLT and BC accomplished these projects that contribute to completing the WCC Management Plan, but are not funded by NPS.

- In New Garden Township, NLT continues to work on the four-acre addition to the Christie easement, this month finalizing the trail location. NLT and the township also continue discussions with the owner (Catholic church in Wilmington, DE) of the 143-acre St. Anthony's in the Hills property. This work is funded by the township. In addition, BC completed an assessment of local

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ordinances relative to riparian buffers, but the township is not interested in updating their riparian buffer protections at this time.

- In London Britain Township, NLT met with the Kraus heirs who are in the process of subdividing the property. The Township is funding NLT's work; the easement will be donated by the heirs.
- In New London Township, BC will assess local ordinances relative to riparian buffer protection.
- In London Grove Township, BC & NLT are working with the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission to adopt stronger protections for riparian buffers.
- In addition, BC has been working with Shane to update maps of protected lands in the WCC watershed, along with the data behind the layers.

Expenses this Quarter

Staff:

GIS Manager – Land Preservation (2.0 hours @ 34.21) -2013 Budget	= \$	68.42
Conservation Program Manager: Land Transactions (12.25 hours @43.88) – 2012 Budget	= \$	<u>537.53</u>
Total Staff	= \$	605.95

Directs:

Brandywine Conservancy – Reforestation (2013 Budget)	= \$	178.50
Mileage 91.6 miles @\$0.575 (2013 Budget)	= \$	52.67
Copier (2013 Budget)	= \$	0.45
Postage (2013 Budget)	= \$	<u>3.43</u>
Total Directs	= \$	235.05

Total Current Expenses = \$ 841.00

Total Costs 2012 Budget = \$ 537.53

Total Costs 2013 Budget = \$ 303.47



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03/31/2015
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Invoice No: 68385

ATTN: David Steckel

White Clay Creek Reforestation - Staff Time

			HOURS	
	Attendance at Meetings		3.50	178.50
			<u>3.50</u>	<u>178.50</u>
	FOR CURRENT SERVICES RENDERED			
		RECAPITULATION		
	<u>TIMEKEEPER</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	Beth Burnam	3.50	\$51.00	\$178.50
	TOTAL CURRENT WORK			178.50
	BALANCE DUE			<u>\$178.50</u>

Cooperative Agreement P10AC00324: White Clay Creek Wild & Scenic River

June 30, 2015 Activities Report

Project	Approved Outputs & Tasks	Activities During This Quarter	Overall Activity Status
	2010 (Original CA)		
Land Preservation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet with six new landowners and initiate new projects with three 2. Submit grant applications to Chester County for two new projects 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed • Completed
Flora/Fauna Survey	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete flora survey of New Garden Township 2. Reconnaissance for future survey work 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project terminated; funding reallocated to Reforestation • Project terminated; funding reallocated to Reforestation
Reforestation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop detailed Maintenance Plan for the March 2010 Franklin Township planting 2. Develop a multi-year tree-planting plan for another 100-acre property in Franklin Township that borders the existing Township Park and the West Branch White Clay Creek 3. Complete three tree-planting educational events 4. Complete one new tree-planting project 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Township completed Maintenance Plan themselves. • Completed • Completed • Completed
Land Transactions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Closing on 34-acre Coye Property in London Britain Township 2. Complete negotiations for a second acquisition 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project terminated. \$35,000 allocated to Coye was transferred to Keen Easement acquisition project with permission of WCC Management Committee and NPS; Keen closed in December 2011. • Completed

Project	Approved Outputs & Tasks	Activities During This Quarter	Overall Activity Status
Reforestation	<p align="center">2011 (Modifications #3)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete three tree-planting educational/outreach events to municipalities, HOAs, other stakeholders (Franklin and London Grove townships in addition to another site to be determined)—first tree planting scheduled for October-November 2011; second and third tree plantings scheduled for March-May 2012 2. Complete one new tree-planting project on municipally-owned lands (site location to be determined)—late fall of 2011 (October/November 2011) 3. Complete one new tree-planting project on HOA-owned lands (site location to be determined)—late spring 2012 (May/June 2012) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed • Completed • Initially focused priority on site development with London Grove and its EAC; prepared detailed maps of developments with HOAs; maps were reviewed for riparian reforestation opportunities by BC, reported to EAC, though EAC appeared to lose momentum for project.
Land Transactions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Closing on 101-acre Keen Property in Franklin Township 2. Closing on 19-acre Wollaston Property in New Garden Township 3. Closing on 26-acre Downs Property in Franklin Township 4. Closing on 12-acre Christie Property in New Garden Township 5. Closing on 11-acre Riser Property in New Garden Township 6. Closing on 1.5-acre Hendrickson Property in New Garden Township 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keen conservation easement closed in December 2011. • This project is no longer viable • This project is no longer viable • Project completed • This project is no longer viable • Project completed

Project	Approved Outputs & Tasks	Activities During This Quarter	Overall Activity Status
Land Transactions	<p align="center">2012 (Modifications #6)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Close on at least three parcels approved by the White Clay Creek Management Committee Advance negotiations on at least two priority parcels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of three parcels closed
Grants Administration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Grant administration to include creation of quarterly and annual reports and reimbursement requests and general administration <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete quarterly reports Submit reimbursement requests 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Completed
Land Preservation	<p align="center">2013 (Modifications #7)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with five new landowners and initiate new projects with two Submit grant applications to Chester County & PA DCNR for two new projects 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Completed
Land Transactions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Close on at least two parcels approved by the White Clay Creek Management Committee Advance negotiations on at least two priority parcels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiations with Boddorff, Christie, and Cotton-Orlando continue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Ongoing
Reforestation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete one reforestation project on East Branch White Clay Creek to expand existing reforestation efforts upstream from Stroud Water Research Center. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed
Grant Administration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Grant administration to include creation of quarterly and annual reports and reimbursement requests and general administration 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed
Land Transactions	<p align="center">2014 (Modifications #8)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Close on at least two parcels approved by the White Clay Creek Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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	Committee		
	2. Advance negotiations on at least two priority parcels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Reforestation	1. Complete one or two reforestation project on White Clay Creek.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC to present Moorhead project to WCCMC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Grant Administration	1. Grant administration to include creation of quarterly and annual reports and reimbursement requests and general administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly report for 3.31.15 submitted • Drawdown for 3.31.15 completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing